58561US004 Case No: **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY.** First Named Inventor: Harald Kaspar FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN COMPLETE IF KNOWN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR § 1.63) Application No.: February 6, 2004 Filing Date: □ Declaration Submitted ☐ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge 37 CFR with Initial Filing Art Unit: § 1.16(e) required) **Examiner Name:** As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention MELT-PROCESSIBLE THERMOPLASTIC FLUOROPOLYMERS HAVING IMPROVED PROCESSING CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME The specification of which is attached hereto: □ was filed on as United States Application No. is identified as PCT International Application No. filed on (if applicable). and was amended on I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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